

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 6, 12, 13, 17 and 22 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11, 14-16 and 18-21 are cancelled by the present amendment. Claim 2 was previously cancelled.

Claim 4 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action.

Claim 6 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action.

Claim 12 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action, along with dependent Claim 13.

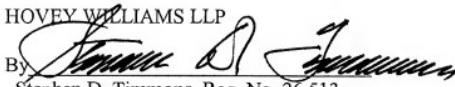
Claim 17 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action.

Claim 22 has been placed in independent form and is therefore in full condition for allowance as provisionally indicated in the last Office Action.

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In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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